REMARKS

Claims 13-31 are pending in the application.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 13-15 and 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US 6,842,808 to Weigl et al is respectfully requested.

Applicant is submitting herewith a 37 CFR § 1.132 declaration signed by the common inventors who are named as inventors in the Weigl et al (US 6,842,808) patent (Fuehrer, Muller, Hartwich and Hugel) attesting to being the actual inventors of that disclosure to the exclusion of the additional inventor (Weigl). Applicant contributes those parts of the Weigl et al, patent to the additional inventor (Weigl), which from a prior-art point of view are irrelevant for the present invention, that is which do not anticipate or render obvious the present invention.

Accordingly, Applicant believes a proper showing under 37 CFR 1.132 has been made and therefore the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) is overcome.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 16-19 and 24-41 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Weigl et al in view of US Patent No. 6,606,670 B1 to Stoneking et al is respectfully requested.
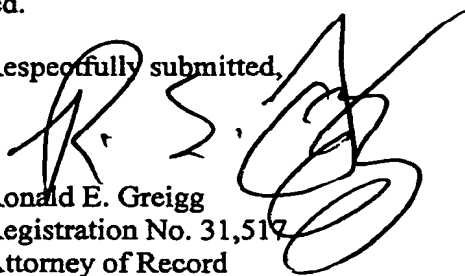
Since the reference to Weigl et al has been eliminated as prior art under 102(e) above, it is believe the rejection under 35 USC 103(a) is rendered moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The above amendments are being made to place the application in better condition for examination, and include only removal of the references to the Figures, as suggested by the examiner.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully solicited.

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